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An Independent Audit Based on Integrated Hatchery Operations Team (IHOT) Performance Measures

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Executive Summary

This report presents the findings of the independent audit of the Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program. Merwin Dam Hatchery is located on the North Fork Lewis River downstream of Merwin Dam near Ariel, Washington. The hatchery is used for adult collection, incubation, and rearing of winter steelhead, summer steelhead, and sea-run cutthroat.

The audit was conducted in 1996-1997 as part of a 2-year effort that will include 67 hatcheries and satellite facilities located on the Columbia and Snake River system in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The hatchery operating agencies include the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Background

The audit is being conducted as a requirement of the Northwest Power Planning Council (NPPC) ÒStrategy for SalmonÓ and the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Under the audit, the hatcheries are evaluated against policies and related performance measures developed by the Integrated Hatchery Operations Team (IHOT). IHOT is a multi-agency group established by the NPPC to direct the development of new basinwide standards for managing and operating fish hatcheries. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) contracted with Montgomery Watson to act as an independent contractor for the audit. IHOT has established five basic policies that cover: (1) hatchery coordination, (2) hatchery performance standards, (3) fish health, (4) ecological interaction, and (5) genetics. The audit focuses on all these policies, with the exception of hatchery coordination. These policies are set forth in *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries (IHOT 1995)*. That document is the source for the performance measures that are the basis of this audit.

The Audit Process

The audit was based on the facility managementÕs response to a 109-page questionnaire. This audit form was completed through a five-step process in which:

- Information was obtained from headquarters.
- The hatchery manager was asked to fill out and return the audit form.
- A 1-2 day site audit visit was conducted to inspect facilities, review hatchery records, discuss audit form responses, and develop remedial action plans.
- A compliance report was developed to document the compliance status of each performance measure. This report was then shared with the hatchery manager and IHOT representative.
- This hatchery evaluation report was written to document compliance with IHOT performance measures and develop cost estimates for remedial actions when needed.

Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat Results

The Merwin Dam facility includes 4 ponds for adult holding, 10 concrete raceways, 6 intermediate raceways, 6 rearing ponds, and incubation facilities. Merwin Dam Hatchery began operating in 1993. It was constructed by PacificCorp to mitigate for losses of resident and anadromous trout resulting from construction and operation of the Merwin Project on the North Fork Lewis River. The goal of the hatchery is to provide winter and summer steelhead, sea-run cutthroat trout, and rainbow trout for harvest by sport anglers.

The Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program was in general compliance with most of the performance measures. In the area of program objectives, the hatchery needed to document its green-egg to eyed-egg and eyed-egg to fry survival and to develop a hatchery M&E plan. The audit found that the hatchery was not in compliance with the rearing temperature criteria, adult holding facilities, water quality monitoring requirements, alkalinity and hardness criteria, and pathology-free water criteria, which are all facilities requirements. The hatchery needed to develop specific incubation and rearing standards for the IHOT Operations Plan. The hatchery needed additional shallow troughs for early rearing. The hatchery needed to develop a smoltification goal and smoltification monitoring plan and conduct fishery contribution studies. The hatchery was not meeting all the food storage, transportation, and sanitation protocols. The hatchery needed to develop spawning protocols and a Genetics Monitoring and Evaluation Program.

The specific areas in which the Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program requires remedial actions based on the IHOT performance measures are listed below. These remedial actions are listed in alphabetical order without intent of ranking or otherwise assigning priority:

- Adjust alkalinity and hardness to meet IHOT criteria
- Check water flow alarms daily
- Collect representative sample of adults

- Conduct fishery contribution studies
- Conduct IHOT QA/QC tests for feed preparation
- Construct 4 (88 cf) more early rearing shallow troughs
- Develop approved genetics M&E plan
- Develop criteria for adult holding of sea-run cutthroat
- Develop hatchery M&E plan
- Develop smoltification goal and monitor
- Develop specific incubation and rearing standards for IHOT Operations Plan
- Develop written spawning protocols
- Document eyed-egg to fry survival
- Document green-egg to eyed-egg survival
- Expand ozone system to produce 1,600 gpm more water
- Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection of fish pumps, nets, egg sorters, waders, boots,
 rain gear, hoses, and other equipment
- Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection of interiors and exteriors of transport vehicles
- Follow IHOT temperature criteria for transport
- Increase incubation water temperature by 5°F (40 gpm)
- Monitor DO in transport truck
- Run analysis for missing water chemistry parameters, nitrite, and contaminants
- Sanitize rearing vessels after fish are removed and prior to introducing a new fish lot or stock

Non-compliance issues resulting from items beyond human control or Performance Measures not relevant to this hatchery (Type 1 in Table 3, Section 4 of this report) were not listed above.

Facility Description

Name: Merwin Dam Hatchery

Stock/Species: Winter Steelhead

Summer Steelhead

Sea-run Cutthroat

Rainbow Trout

Operating Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Funding Agency: PacificCorp

Location: Merwin Dam Hatchery is located on the North Fork Lewis River

downstream of Merwin Dam near Ariel, Washington.

Address: 111 Merwin Dam Hatchery Court

Ariel, WA 98603-9727

Hatchery Manager: Mr. Rick Stillwater Phone: (360) 225-6201

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Purpose: Merwin Dam Hatchery began operating in 1993. It was constructed by

PacificCorp to mitigate for losses of resident and anadromous trout

resulting from construction and operation of the Merwin Project on the

North Fork Lewis River. The goal of the hatchery is to provide winter

and summer steelhead, sea-run cutthroat trout, and rainbow trout for

harvest by sport anglers.

Production Goal: Winter Steelhead

Produce 125,000 smolts for release in the Lewis River

Summer Steelhead

Produce 125,000 smolts for release in the Lewis River

Sea-run Cutthroat

Produce 25,000 smolts for release in the Lewis River

Rainbow Trout

Produce 1,000,000 fingerlings for release in area lakes

Water Supply:

Water is supplied to the hatchery from Lake Merwin using a 5,000 gpm pump station on the dam face. Two intakes are used at depths of 15 and 110 feet.

Facilities:

Adult Holding: 4 adult holding ponds - 1,011 cf each

Incubation: 68 isolation incubators

15 16-tray vertical stack incubators - 240 trays

Early Rearing: 4 shallow troughs - 8 cf each

4 deep troughs - 21 cf each

Raceways: 6 intermediate raceways - 353 cf each

10 raceways - 1,871 cf each

Rearing Ponds: 4 concrete rearing ponds - 46,918 cf each

2 concrete rearing ponds - 1,364 cf each

Satellite Facilities: None

Compliance Status

The hatchery audits are based on compliance with written IHOT performance measures. These performance measures are documented in *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin*Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries (referred to as IHOT 1995 in this report).

The purpose of the performance measures is to implement new basinwide policies that provide regional guidelines for operating anadromous hatcheries in the Columbia Basin.

The audit focuses on performance measures for IHOT policies that cover (1) hatchery performance standards, (2) fish health, (3) ecological interaction, and (4) genetics. These performance measures are intended to guide hatchery operations once production is established. For that reason, the hatchery operations audit included broodstock collection, spawning, incubation of eggs, fish rearing and feeding, fish release, equipment maintenance and operations, and personnel training. Production priorities are beyond the scope of this audit.

Based on *IHOT 1995*, a detailed 109-page audit form was developed. The audit form divided the performance measures into six major sections along major program and technical criteria areas. Two additional sections (sections 1 and 8) include general information and expenditure information needed for this Hatchery Evaluation Report and blank forms for additional comments. The following is the basic structure of the IHOT audit form:

Section 1 Performance Measures for General Information and Expenditure

Information (PMs General 1-2)

Section 2 Performance Measures for Program Objectives (PMs 1-4)

Integrated Hatchery Operations Team (IHOT) 1995. *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries*, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Oregon.

Section 3	Performance Measures for Facility Requirements (PMs 5-15)
Section 4	Performance Measures for Hatchery Practices (PMs 16-25)
Section 5	Performance Measures for Fish Health Policy (PMs 26-34)
Section 6	Performance Measures for Ecological Interactions (PMs 35-38)
Section 7	Performance Measures for Genetics Policy (PMs 39-43)
Section 8	Blank Forms for Additional Comments.

Several performance measures are repeated in various sections of the audit form. These performance measures overlap in *IHOT 1995* and were retained to allow individuals interested in specific portions of the audit (such as Genetics or Fish Health) to determine the compliance status of all performance measures for a given topic in one location. A repeated performance measure is indicated by shaded text.

The Hatchery Audit Process

The hatchery audit will be conducted over a 2-year period that concludes in 1997. At each hatchery, a five-step process was used to complete the overall hatchery audit. This process consisted of research and onsite visits. The site visit at the Merwin Dam Hatchery was conducted on March 11, 1997.

The following is the five-step audit process:

- 1. Information was obtained from headquarters.
- 2. The hatchery manager was asked to fill out and return the **Audit Form**.
- A 1-2 day site audit visit was conducted at each hatchery. During that visit an audit team inspected facilities, reviewed hatchery records, discussed audit form responses, and developed remedial action plans when appropriate.

- 4. During the site visit, the compliance status of each performance measure was discussed with the hatchery manager and IHOT representative. A portion of the Hatchery Evaluation Report was sent to the hatchery manager following the audit visit as a **Compliance Report**. That Compliance Report is Table 2 of this report.
- 5. Information from steps 1-4 was used to prepare a draft **Hatchery Evaluation Report**. This draft report was submitted to the operating agencies for review of the information used to determine compliance. Based on review and comments, a final Hatchery Evaluation Report was developed. The final report documents the compliance of a particular hatchery with the IHOT performance measures and presents cost estimates to correct any deficiencies.

Compliance Status of Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

The following table includes information on life-stages that are held on this facility for some portion of their rearing cycle (Table 1). For multi-facility programs, summary cost and contribution data is presented at the facility where rearing occurs. For the compliance status relating to performance measures that do not occur at this hatchery, please refer to the Hatchery Evaluation Reports for the hatcheries and stocks listed in Table 1. A check mark (4) indicates that the specific life-stage is held at this facility.

This section documents the compliance status of the Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program. Each performance measure is presented in a table taken from the audit form (Table 2). The compliance status is identified by the following categories:

- N/A (not applicable)
- **Yes** (in compliance)
- ? (unknown; generally due to unavailability of information to determine compliance)
- **No** (not in compliance).

Remedial actions are suggested for performance measures not in compliance. These remedial actions are grouped into categories and listed in Section 4 of this report, where the cost of the required remedial actions is also presented.

 Table 1 Summary Program Information for Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

Component		Locatio	on of Adult Holding, Sp.	awning, Incubation, ar	nd Rearing	
	Lewis River	Merwin Dam			-	
	Trap	Hatchery				
Adult Collection	4					
Adult Holding		4				
Spawning		4				
Fertilization		4				
Incubation						
green-to-eyed		4				
eyed-to-hatch		4				
Rearing						
fry		4				
fingerlings		4				
smolts		4				
Acclimation/release		4				

 Table 2
 Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat
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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Complia	nce Statu	ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
				1	_	Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#1	Are the hatchery programs outlined in a subbasin		4			Columbia Basin System Planning	
	management plan?					Production Plan and Lewis River FERC	
						Agreement	
#2	Is the hatchery operating under a current hatchery		4			IHOT Operations Plan	
	operational plan?						
	Is it understood by staff?		4				
	Is it being followed?		4				
#3	Is a hatchery monitoring and evaluation plan in place?						
	Do you have a written monitoring and evaluation plan?				4		Develop hatchery M&E plan
#4a	Adult contribution to fisheries, spawning grounds, and	4				First releases in 1995	
	hatchery						
#4b	Adult pre-spawning survival as compared with		4			Review of records; in compliance 1 out	
	established goal					of last 1 years	
#4c	Egg-take as compared with established hatchery goal		4			Review of records; in compliance 1 out	
						of last 1 years	

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		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#4d	Green-egg to eyed-egg survival as compared with				4	Data not collected	Document green-egg to eyed-egg survival
	established goal						
#4e	Eyed-egg to fry survival as compared with established				4	Data not collected	Document eyed-egg to fry survival
	goal						
#4f	Fry to smolt survival as compared with established		4			Review of records; in compliance 2 out	
	goal					of last 2 years	
#4g	Production as compared with established goal		4			Review of records; in compliance 2 out	
						of last 2 years	
#4h	Percent survival (smolt to adult) as compared with	4				First releases in 1995	
	established goal						
#4i	Number of eggs, fry, fingerlings, smolts, and/or adults	4				Review of records/Discussion	
	to meet basinwide needs						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status		1S	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for	
			•	•		Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#5a	Temperature						
	Does your water temperature meet the criteria for		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	spawning?						
	Does your water temperature meet the criteria for				4	Review of records/Discussion	Increase incubation water temperature by
	incubation?						5°F (40 gpm)
	Does your water temperature meet the criteria for				4	Review of records/Discussion	None
	rearing?						
#5b	Dissolved gases						
	Is the oxygen level near saturation?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Is the dissolved nitrogen level less than saturation?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
#5c	Chemistry						
	Ammonia (un-ionized)			4		No data	Run analysis
	Carbon Dioxide			4		No data	Run analysis
	Chlorine			4		No data	Run analysis
	pH		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Copper			4		No data	Run analysis
	Hydrogen Sulfide			4		No data	Run analysis
	Iron		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Zinc			4		No data	Run analysis

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		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#5d	Turbidity						
	Does your turbidity meet the criteria?		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		27/4	- 7			Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#5e	Alkalinity and hardness						
	Does your alkalinity and hardness meet the criteria?				4	Review of records/Discussion	Adjust alkalinity and hardness to meet
							IHOT criteria
#5f	Nitrite						
	Does your nitrite meet the criteria?			4		No data	Run analysis
#5g	Contaminants						
	Aldrin					No data	Run analysis
	Aldriii			4		INO data	Kun anarysis
	Endrin			4		See above	See above
	Dieldrin			4		See above	See above
	Heptachlor			4		See above	See above
	Chlordane			4		See above	See above
	Methoxychlor			4		See above	See above
	Lindane			4		See above	See above
	Malathion			4		See above	See above
	Guthion			4		See above	See above
#5h	Pathogens						
	What portions of the hatchery have disease-free water?						
	Adult holding		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Incubation		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Early rearing		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Rearing				4	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	Expand ozone system to produce 1,600
Others	4				Inspection of facilities/Discussion	gpm more water

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					ı	Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#6	Alarm Systems						
	Do the following areas have alarms?						
	Intake		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Large rearing ponds and adult holding ponds		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Raceway headboxes and rearing ponds		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Incubation facilities		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Quarantine areas and facilities	4				No quarantine areas and facilities	
	Water treatment systems		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Security		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Are there outside systems and buzzers in onsite residences?		4			Discussion	
	Are water flow alarms checked daily?				4	Review of records/Discussion	Check water flow alarms daily
	Are all other alarms checked weekly?		4			Discussion	
	Is there a log of alarms for emergencies, tests, and maintenance requirements?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Are telephone pagers used?		4			Discussion	

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		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#7	Adult collection and holding facilities						
	Do you meet the adult holding criteria?			4		No criteria	Develop criteria for adult holding of searun cutthroat

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Complia	nce Statı	1S	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#8	Incubation facilities	IV/A	168	•	140		
	Type 1: <u>Isolation incubators</u> Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?			4		No criteria	Develop flow and loading criteria for searun cutthroat
	Type 2: Vertical tray Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?			4		Inspection of facilities/Discussion	See above
#9	Rearing facilities Type 1: Shallow troughs Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?				4	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	Remedial action listed under PM #19
	Type 2: <u>Deep troughs</u> Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?				4	Inspection of facilities/Discussion	Remedial action listed under PM #19
	Type 3: Intermediate raceways Do you have an adequate number of units for the overall program?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Type 4: Raceways		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
Do you have an adequate number of units for the						
overall program?						
Type 5: Ponds	4					
Do you have an adequate number of units for the						
overall program?						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status			ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
						Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#10	Screening facilities						
	Do you meet the approach velocity criteria?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Are the fish screens regularly cleaned?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Does the screen mesh meet screen opening criteria?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Are rearing containers double screened for fish that should not be released to adjacent water?	4				Released on-station	
#11	Predator control facilities						
	Are your predation control facilities effective?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	C	Compliar	ice Stati	1S	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#12	Food storage facilities and quality control	IVA	Tes	•	140		
	Does the storage of dry/semi-moist/moist foods		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	(dry<12%; semi-moist 12-20%; moist >20% moisture)						
	follow food manufacturerÕs recommendations?						
	Does a regional quality control officer oversee						
	production procedures and monitor:						
	Verification by feed manufacturer that ingredients				4	Discussion	Conduct IHOT QA/QC tests for feed
	meet specifications?						preparation
	Ensure feed does not contain unwanted drugs or				4	Discussion	See above
	other additives?						
	Analyze ingredients contained in the final food				4	Discussion	See above
	product to ensure that feed specifications have been						
	met?						
	Are the foods stored and handled according to the						
	following criteria?						

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Moist pellets should not exceed 10 °F at point of		4			Discussion	
delivery.						
Moist pellets should be removed from freezer just prior to feeding.		4			Discussion	
Do not leave buckets of feed or feed containers outside exposed to light or heat.		4			Discussion	
Open bags of feed should be fed within 1 to 2 days except when feeding small groups of fish.		4			Discussion	
Automatic feeder hoppers and bulk storage facilities should be insulated against excessive temperatures (80°F and above).				4	Automatic feeders filled daily	None

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliance Status		ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
						Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#13	Release facilities						
	Do the release facilities ensure that fish are not		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	subjected to adverse conditions?						
#14	Pollution abatement facilities						
	Do the pollution abatement facilities meet all federal		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	and state regulations (or good engineering practice)?						
	g						
	Are pollution abatement facilities operated correctly?		4			Discussion	
#15	Transportation facilities		'				
	_						
	Are the transport systems adequate to meet IHOT		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	performance measures for transportation practices?						

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PM #	M # Description of Performance Measure Compliance Status		1S	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for		
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#16	Broodstock selection practices	IV/A	res	•	140		
	Is the donor selection process document attached? (PM #40a)	4				Existing program; does not apply	
	Was the donor selection outline followed in selecting the hatchery broodstock? (PM #40b-c)	4				Existing program; does not apply	
#17	Spawning practices						
	Were the appropriate number of spawners, male/female ratios, and fertilization protocols used? (PM #42c-g)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
#18	Incubation practices						
	Are specific incubation standards listed in the hatchery operations plan?				4	Reviewed IHOT Operations Plan	Develop specific incubation standards for the IHOT Operations Plan
	Are incubation practices written?				4	See above	
	Incubation Type 1: <u>Isolation incubators</u> (see PM #8) Do you meet the loading and flow criteria?			4		No criteria listed in IHOT	See above

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Incubation Type 2: <u>Vertical tray</u> (see PM #8)			4		No criteria listed in IHOT	See above
Do you meet the loading and flow criteria?						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure		Complia	nce Stati	us	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
			I	ı	1	Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#19	Rearing practices						
	Are specific rearing standards listed in the hatchery				4	Review IHOT Hatchery Operations Plan	Develop specific rearing standards for the
					4	Review 11101 Tracenery Operations Figure	
	operations plan?						IHOT Operations Plan
	Are rearing practices written?				4	Review Hatchery Operations Plan	See above
	Rearing Unit Type 1: Shallow troughs						
	(see PM #9)						
	Do you meet the density and DI criteria?				4	Review of records/Discussion	Need 88 cf more early rearing space and
							additional floor space
	Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?				4	Review of records/Discussion	See above
	Rearing Unit Type 2: <u>Deep troughs</u> (see PM #9)						
	Do you meet the density and DI criteria?				4	Review of records/Discussion	See above
	Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Rearing Unit Type 3: <u>Intermediate raceways</u> (see						
	PM #9)						
	Do you meet the density and DI criteria?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Rearing Unit Type 4: <u>Raceways</u> (see PM #9)						
	Do you meet the density and DI criteria?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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		N/A	Yes	?	No	
	Rearing Unit Type 5: <u>Rearing ponds</u>					
	(see PM #9)					
	Do you meet the density and DI criteria?	4				Not used for cutthroat
	Do you meet the Loading and FI criteria?	4				See above
#20	Smolt quality					
	Do you produce a high quality smolt?	J	4			Discussion

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
			ı.			Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#21	Fish health management practices						
	Are the monthly hatchery monitoring visits being		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	conducted? (PM #26)						
					ļ		
	Are the annual broodstock inspections being		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	conducted? (PM #27)						
	Is there pathogen-free water (PM #5h)and are the				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #28
	sanitation procedures being followed? (PM #28)						
	Are the following water quality parameters within						
	criteria? (PM #5a-5g)						
	Water temperature				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5a
	Dissolved gases		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Chemistry			4		Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5c
	Turbidity		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Alkalinity and hardness				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5e
	Nitrite			4		Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5f
	Contaminants			4		Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5g
	Are rearing standards being followed? (PM #19)				4	Review of records/Discussion	

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Are egg and fish transfer/release requirements met?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
(PM #31)						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Complia	nce Statı	ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
			ı	1		Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#22a	Does hatchery performance meet requirements						
	outlined in the regional hatchery policies and in						
	subbasin and hatchery plans for the following areas?						
#22a1	Percent smoltification						
	Do you measure percent smoltification?				4	Discussion	Develop smoltification goal and monitor
	Do you have a smoltification goal				4	Discussion	See above
	Did you meet the smoltification criteria?			4		Discussion	See above
#22a2	Rearing density (prior to release)						
	Did you meet the rearing density criteria just prior to		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	release?						
#22a3	Disease condition (at release)						
	Did you meet all disease regulations just prior to		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	release?						
#22a4	Number (at release)						
	Did you meet the release number goal?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
#22a5	Size at release						
	Did you meet the size goal?		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#22a6	Dates of release						
	Did you meet the release date goal?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
#22a7	Location of release						
	Did you release the fish at the specified location?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
#22b	Are fish reared in the subbasin or acclimated in the						
	subbasin?						
	Are the fish reared in the subbasin?	,	4			Discussion	
	Are the fish acclimated in the subbasin?		4			Discussion	
#22c	Is the release strategy appropriate for the program?		4			Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Complia	nce Statu	us	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		27/1	l	1 4	T	Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#23	Transportation facilities						
			,			5:	
	Do transportation equipment and personnel receive		4			Discussion	
	disinfection before and after use?						
	Is the fish tank interior disinfected using a solution of		4			Discussion	
	200 ppm active chlorine for 30 minutes minimum or						
	formaldehyde gas generation method (relative humidity						
	of 60% for 2 hrs)?						
	Is the exterior of the fish transport vehicle disinfected				4	Discussion	Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection
	using high pressure steam (115-130°C), high						of interiors and exteriors of transport
	temperature acid, or with 200 ppm chlorine for 30						vehicle
	-						
	minutes?						
	Is the fish transport vehicle (cab) disinfected using 600				4	Discussion	See above
	ppm quaternary ammonia compounds (1.5 ml of 50%						
	stock solution/liter water)?						
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	Is other equipment disinfected including fish pumps,				4	Discussion	Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection
	nets, egg sorters, waders, boots, rain gear, hoses and						of fish pumps, nets, egg sorters, waders,
	other equipment using one of the following solutions?						boots, rain gear, hoses and other
							equipment

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
200 ppm chlorine for 30 minutes						
600 ppm quaternary ammonia compound for 30						
minutes						
200 ppm iodophor solution for 10 minutes					Discussion	
Do personnel wear protective garments when handling		4			Discussion	
fish eggs or cultural water?						
Tion opposit cultural water.						
Do the fish transport truck/chassis and tank/unit receive		4			Discussion	
		7			Discussion	
an inspection and service prior to the release season?						
Is a daily service inspection completed before starting		4			Discussion	
up and leaving for the day?						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#23	Transportation facilities	14/21	103	•	110		
(cont)							
	Does the fish transport unit receive an inspection prior		4			Discussion	
	to loading?						
	Does a pre-loading inspection covering tank water		4			Discussion	
	level, pumps or aerators, oxygen injection system						
	settings, displacement gauge, and truck loading/hauling						
	density tables checked and reviewed occur prior to						
	loading fish in the transport unit?						
	Do hauling criteria include checking the fish 45		4			Discussion	
	minutes to 1 hour after loading?						
	When fish are active and systems are functioning				4	Discussion	Monitor DO in transport truck
	properly, is the oxygen concentration reduced and						
	maintained at approximately 8 ppm?						
	Is water temporature in the transportation unit				4	Discussion	Follow IHOT tomperature evitaria for
	Is water temperature in the transportation unit				4	Discussion	Follow IHOT temperature criteria for
	maintained within the 42-48 °F range?						transport

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Do fish releasing procedures include the following						
criteria?						
Releasing the fish at the correct release site or into the correct water body.		4			Discussion	
Tempering or the difference between the liberation tank and the target water body should not exceed 10°F.		4			Discussion	
The liberation hose should be angled so that fish gently hit the water. Using a tripod is a method of ensuring the hose will stay at the proper angle.		4			Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#24	Evaluation practices	IVA	Tes	•	140		
	Has the hatchery conducted fishery contribution studies to:						
	Determine the requirements for evaluating and improving management programs?				4	Discussion	Conduct fishery contribution studies
	Develop guidelines that define the geographical area and identify component stocks (hatchery and/or wild) that comprise the management unit?				4	Discussion	See above
	Develop guidelines that define if the proper stocks of fish are currently being used?				4	Discussion	See above
	Determine which management units contribute to a specific fishery and the time periods of those contributions?				4	Discussion	See above
	Determine the relative contributions of the various management units to a specific fishery over the different time periods?				4	Discussion	See above

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure		Compliar	nce Statu	18	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#25	Training practices						
	Does the hatchery have a training schedule for its staff?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Does each staff member have a personal training plan approved by a supervisor and reviewed annually?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Does the hatchery routinely exchange training details between other hatcheries and agencies?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Does the hatchery encourage and reward off-duty training of staff?		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Does the hatchery conduct monthly staff meetings?		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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PM#	Description of Performance Measure		Compliance Status		18	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#26	Are monthly hatchery monitoring visits being	11/14	Tes	•	110		
	conducted by a qualified fish health specialist as						
	described below?						
	Conduct visit at least monthly		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Monitoring conducted by qualified fish health specialist		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Examine a representative sample of healthy and moribund fish from each lot.		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Review fish culture practices with hatchery manager.		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Report finding and results of necropsies on standard form.		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Recommend appropriate drug or chemical treatment.		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Summarize fish health status or stock prior to release or transfer to another facility.		4			Review of records/Discussion	
#27	Are all of the functions of the hatchery yearly monitoring visits being completed as described below?						

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	N/A	Yes	?	No	
Annually examine each broodstock for the presence of		4			Review of records/Discussion
reportable viral pathogens.					
Annually screen each salmon broodstock for the presence of <i>Renibacterium salmoninarum</i> .		4			Review of records/Discussion
Conduct inspection by or under the supervision of qualified fish health specialist.		4			Review of records/Discussion

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	IS	Basis for Compliance or Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Needed for
		NT/A	\$ 7	0	l 🔐		Compliance
#28	Is the hatchery following accepted sanitation	N/A	Yes	?	No		
	procedures?						
	Are there any sources of pathogen-free water,		4			Discussion	
	especially for incubation and early rearing?						
	Are the hatchery sanitation procedures understood and						
	being followed as described below?						
	Disinfect/water harden eggs in iodophor?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	Are foot baths containing disinfectant placed at the		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	incubation facilityÕs entrance and exit?						
	Is equipment and rain gear utilized in broodstock		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	handling or spawning sanitized prior to its use						
	elsewhere in the hatchery?						
	Is equipment used to collect dead fish sanitized prior		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
	its use in another pond and/or lot of fish?						
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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Is equipment, including vehicles used to transfer		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	
fish between facilities, disinfected prior to use with						
any other fish lots or at any other location?						
Are rearing vessels sanitized after fish are removed				4	Not done on a regular basis; only done	Sanitize rearing vessels after fish are
and prior to introducing a new fish lot or stock?					after experiencing an epizootic	removed and prior to introducing a new
						fish lot or stock
Are dead fish properly disposed of?		4			Inspection of facilities/Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure		Compliar	ice Statu	IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
						Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#29	Are water quality parameters being followed?						
	Are the following water quality parameters within						
	criteria? (PM #5a-5g)						
	Water temperature				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5a
	Dissolved gases		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Chemistry			4		Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5c
	Turbidity		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Alkalinity and hardness				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5e
	Nitrite			4		Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5f
	Contaminants			4		Review of records/Discussion	See PM #5g
	Go to PM #21						
#30	Are incubation and rearing standards being followed?						
	Are the incubation practices following the IHOT				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #18
	incubation criteria? (PM #18)						
	Are the rearing practices following the IHOT				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #19
	criteria? (PM #19)						
	Go to rearing practices PM #18-PM #19						
#31	Are egg and fish transfer/release requirements met?		4			Discussion	<u>†</u>

Table 2	Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthro	oat Compliance With Performance Measures

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status			IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
						Non-Compliance	Compliance
		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#32	Is the hatchery's program outlined in a subbasin		4			Columbia Basin System Planning	
	management plan?					Production Plan and Lewis River FERC	
						Agreement	
	Go to subbasin plan PM #1						
#33	Is the hatchery operating under a current hatchery		4			Review IHOT Operations Plan	
	operational plan?						
	Go to operational plan PM #2						
#34	Is a hatchery monitoring and evaluation plan in place?				4		See PM #3
	Go to hatchery monitoring and evaluation plan PM #3						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status		IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for	
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#35	Does the hatchery program meet requirements established in the regional hatchery policies and subbasin planning documents in the following areas: species, stock, broodstock collection location, broodstock numbers, broodstock collection strategy,	N/A	Yes	?	No		
	and spawning and egg-take protocols?						
	Does the hatchery program meet the requirements for the following?						
	Species protocols (PM #1)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Stock protocols (PM #1)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Broodstock collection location protocols (PM #41b for existing program; PM #39b for new program)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Broodstock numbers protocols (PM #42c)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Broodstock collection strategy protocols (PM #41b-d for existing program; PM 39b-f for new program)		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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	N/A	Yes	?	No		
Spawning protocols (PM #42d-e)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
Egg-take protocols (PM #42f-g)		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#36	Does the hatchery's performance meet requirements outlined in the regional hatchery policies and in subbasin and hatchery plans for the following areas: percent smoltification, rearing density, disease condition, and the number, size date(s), and location of release?		165		110		
	Percent smoltification (PM #22a1)				4	Review of records/Discussion	See PM #22a1
	Rearing density (PM #22a2)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Disease condition (PM #22a3)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Number at release (PM #22a4)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Size at release (PM #22a5)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Date of release (PM #22a6)		4			Review of records/Discussion	
	Location of release (PM #22a7)		4			Review of records/Discussion	

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		N/A	Yes	?	No		
#37	Are fish reared in the subbasin or acclimated in the		4			Discussion	
	subbasin? See PM #22b						
#38	Is the release strategy appropriate for the program?		4			Discussion	
	See PM #22c						

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status		ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for	
		27/4	*7			Non-Compliance	Compliance
#39	For new programs, has a broodstock collection plan	N/A	Yes	?	No		
	been developed?						
#39a	Is the broodstock collection plan written?	4				Existing Program; does not apply	
	For a non-captive broodstock program:	4				Existing Program; does not apply	
#39b	Was an unbiased, representative sample collected?						
#39c	Was the recommended number of broodstock collected?	4				Existing Program; does not apply	
	For a captive broodstock program:						
#39d	Were captive brood progeny excluded as donors for propagating the next generation of the captive broodstock program?	4				Existing Program; does not apply	
#39e	Were full-sib crosses avoided?	4				Existing Program; does not apply	
#39f	Is the broodstock collection plan understood and being followed by staff?	4				Existing Program; does not apply	

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		N/A	Yes	?	No	
#40	For a new program, was the donor selection outline					
	followed in selecting the hatchery broodstock?					
#40a	Is a donor selection plan written?	4				Existing Program; does not apply
#40b	Was the donor selection outline followed in selecting the broodstock?	4				Existing Program; does not apply
#40c	Was the target stock recommended in the donor selection process actually used?	4				Existing Program; does not apply

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status		ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for	
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#41	For existing programs, were the broodstock collection	17/11	Tes		110		
	procedures followed?						
#41a	Is the broodstock collection plan written?		4			Future Brood Document	
	Does the broodstock collection plan follow the guideline:						
#41b	Was an unbiased, representative sample collected?		4			Discussion	
#41c	Was the recommended number of broodstock collected?		4			Discussion	
#41d	Were the broodstock collection procedures in hatchery operation plan understood and followed?		4			Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	Compliance Status		IS	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for	
		N/A	Yes	?	No	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#42	Was the appropriate number of spawners, male/female	1 1/12	200	<u> </u>	110		
	ratios, and fertilization protocols used?						
#42a	Are the spawning protocols written?				4	None provided	Develop written spawning protocols
#42b	Are daily or weekly spawning logs available?		4			Review of records	
#42c	Was the appropriate number of spawners used?		4			Discussion	
#42d	Did you attempt to spawn all collected broodstock and		4			Discussion	
	randomize mating with respect to age class, and other traits?						
#42e	Was the sex-ratio within the limits given in the performance standards?		4			Discussion	
#42f	Were the fertilization protocols followed?		4			Discussion	
#42g	If the hatchery needed to reduce the number of eggs retained, was this done by representative sampling of each male/female cross?		4			Discussion	

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PM #	Description of Performance Measure	(Compliar	nce Statu	ıs	Basis for Compliance or	Remedial Action Needed for
					1	Non-Compliance	Compliance
#43	Is there a genetics monitoring and evaluation program	N/A	Yes	?	No		
"13	in place?						
	Is a genetics monitoring and evaluation program available?				4	None provided	Develop approved genetics M&E plan
	Does the plan address the following elements listed in IHOT:						
	Does the program have elements needed to meet evaluation goals 1-4?				4	Discussion	See above
	Has a qualified geneticist reviewed and endorsed the program (goal 5)?				4	Discussion	See above
	Will the program collect the data and maintain the records needed to evaluate compliance on an ongoing basis (goal 5)?				4	Discussion	See above
	Is the program understood and followed by staff?				4	Discussion	See above

Remedial Actions

Based on the compliance status for each performance measure, remedial actions were developed. The required remedial actions are organized into five categories. The types of categories range across a spectrum from those actions that are beyond human control, to those that require a change in agency policy or procedures, to those that involve a significant capital cost to put in place. The following are the five types of remedial actions identified under phase 1 of the audit:

The Five Types of Remedial Actions

Туре	Description
1	Non-compliance issues resulting from items beyond human control or Performance Measures not relevant for this hatchery
2	Remedial actions requiring changes in agency policies or procedures
3	Remedial actions requiring changes in monitoring coverage or interval
4	Remedial actions requiring significant capital expenditures
5	Remedial actions that may require significant capital expenditures but are not clearly
	definable at this time

Remedial Actions at Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

This section presents the corrective actions required to bring the Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program into compliance with IHOT performance measures. The remedial actions suggested here are just that, <u>suggestions</u> developed by the Montgomery Watson Audit Team. For some non-compliance areas, other remedial actions could be proposed. The required remedial actions are cross-referenced to each IHOT performance measure that was not in compliance. Where appropriate, the costs associated with the remedial actions are also presented (Table 3).

The cost estimates presented in this section are based on professional experience from similar projects. In most cases, only a lump-sum figure is presented, and detailed take-off lists have not been prepared. The cost estimates are essentially order of magnitude estimates (\pm 40%).

More importantly, the suggested remedial activities may also present several levels of action.

Optional actions have been listed for several problems. These optional actions are desirable for either operational or safety considerations.

Table 3. Remedial Actions Required at Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

Remedial Action Required	Cost	PMs ¹
Type 1 - Non-compliance issues resulting from items beyond human		
control or Performance Measures not relevant for this hatchery		
None		
Type 2 - Remedial actions requiring changes in agency policies or		
procedures		
Develop hatchery M&E plan		3
Document green-egg to eyed-egg survival		4d
Document eyed-egg to fry survival		4e
Check water flow alarms daily		6
Develop criteria for adult holding of sea-run cutthroat		7
Conduct IHOT QA/QC tests for feed preparation		12
Develop specific incubation and rearing standards for IHOT Operations		18-19
Plan		
Develop smoltification goal and monitor		22a1
Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection of interiors and exteriors of		23
transport vehicles		
Follow IHOT protocols for disinfection of fish pumps, nets, egg sorters,		23
waders, boots, rain gear, hoses, and other equipment		
Monitor DO in transport truck		23
Follow IHOT temperature criteria for transport		23
Conduct fishery contribution studies		24
Sanitize rearing vessels after fish are removed and prior to introducing		28
a new fish lot or stock		
Collect representative sample of adults		41
Develop written spawning protocols		42
Develop approved genetics M&E plan		11 11 11 11 11

Remedial Action Required	Cost	PMs²
Type 3 - Remedial actions requiring changes in monitoring coverage		
or interval		
Run analysis for missing water chemistry parameters, nitrite, and		5c, 5f, 5g
contaminants		
Type 4 - Remedial actions requiring significant capital expenditures		
Increase incubation water temperature by 5F (40 gpm)	\$20,000	5a
Expand ozone system to produce 1,600 gpm more water	\$1.0	5h
	million	
Construct 4 (88 cf) more early rearing shallow troughs	\$20,000	19
Type 5 - Remedial actions that may require significant capital		
expenditures but are not clearly definable at this time		
Adjust alkalinity and hardness to meet IHOT criteria		5e

Hatchery Contribution to

Fisheries, Spawning Grounds, and Hatcheries

This section presents the audit findings for the Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program contribution of adult fish to fisheries, local fisheries, spawning grounds, and hatcheries. Data is reported by broodyear. A broodyear refers to the adult contribution from the eggs produced from a single group of spawning adults. For some species, this may include fish caught as 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-year old fish. Because of the return distribution and data processing delays, the complete adult contribution for a given broodyear may not be available until 4 to 5 years after the fish have been released from the hatchery.

Table 4. Adult Contribution to Fisheries, Spawning Grounds, and Hatcheries:

Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

Year	Fisheries	Spawning Grounds ¹	Hatchery ¹	Total Combined Contribution	Smolt to Adult Survival (percent)
	(Broodyear)	(Broodyear)	(Broodyear)	(Broodyear)	
1981					
1982					

Data obtained from Missing Production Groups Annual Report or from the Regional Mark Information System database.

Total combined adult contribution; presented when it is not possible to subdivide the contribution into fisheries, spawning grounds, and hatchery contributions.

1983					
1984					
1985					
1986					
1987					
1988					
1989					
1990					
1991					
1992	First releases in				
	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995

Annual Operating Expenditures

The level and detail of annual operating expenditures varies widely depending on hatchery, operating agency, and funding source. When provided, expenditures were presented in terms of personnel costs, operating costs (power, feed, supplies), capital costs, indirect costs charged to the federal government, third-party costs, and other costs. These cost components were summed to determine a total hatchery annual cost. Based on discussion with the hatchery manager, the percent of total hatchery costs allocated to a given program was estimated. The total hatchery costs and the percent of hatchery costs allocated to a given program were used to compute the cost of a given program. Table 5 shows the annual operating expenses for the Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat program. For programs that occur at more than one facility (as shown on Table 1 in Section 3 of this report), the cost breakdown for the component(s) at each facility is presented in separate tables (Table 5a).

Table 5. Annual Operating Expenses: Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

Hatchery	1994	1995	1996
Merwin Dam Hatchery	\$20,483	\$21,512\$	\$29,226
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
Total Program Costs	\$20,483	\$21,512\$	\$29,226

The total expenditures for the Merwin Dam Hatchery are presented in Table 6 by program. The detailed breakdown of program expenditures at this hatchery are presented in separate tables (Tables 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d).

Table 6. Annual Operating Expenses - Merwin Dam Hatchery

Program	1994	1995	1996
Winter Steelhead	\$71,178	\$80,533	\$93,737
2. Summer Steelhead	\$66,057	\$69,225	\$94,094
3. Sea-run Cutthroat	\$20,483	\$21,512\$	\$29,226
4. Rainbow Trout	\$98,318	\$97,705	\$139,359
5.			
Total Hatchery Costs	\$256,036	\$275,797	\$356,416

Table 5a. Annual Operating Expenses: Merwin Dam Hatchery - Sea-run Cutthroat

Expenditure Occurring at Merwin Dam Hatchery

Component	1994	1995	1996
Personnel Costs	\$88,374	\$96,573	\$109,940
Operational Costs	\$28,994	\$32,332	\$56,456
Capital Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$22,410	\$26,434	\$65,020
Lumped Hatchery Costs			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$116,258	\$120,458	\$125,000
Total Hatchery Costs	\$256,036	\$275,797	\$356,416
Source of Funds			
PacificCorp	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)	N/A	6,018	6,654
Total Production (lb)	N/A	76,292	80,201
Program as Percent of Total	8% (assumed)	7.8%	8.2%
Program Costs	\$20,483	\$21,512\$	\$29,226

Table 6a. Detailed Expenditures at Merwin Dam Hatchery by Program

Winter Steelhead

Component	1994	1995	1996
Personnel Costs	\$88,374	\$96,573	\$109,940
Operational Costs	\$28,994	\$32,332	\$56,456
Capital Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$22,410	\$26,434	\$65,020
Lumped Hatchery Costs			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$116,258	\$120,458	\$125,000
Total Hatchery Costs	\$256,036	\$275,797	\$356,416
Source of Funds			
	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)	N/A	22,285	21,130
Total Production (lb)	N/A	76,292	80,201
Program as Percent of Total	27.8%	29.2%	26.3%
	(assumed)		
Program Costs	\$71,178	\$80,533	\$93,737

Table 6b. Detailed Expenditures at Merwin Dam Hatchery by Program

Summer Steelhead

Component	1994	1995	1996
Personnel Costs	\$88,374	\$96,573	\$109,940
Operational Costs	\$28,994	\$32,332	\$56,456
Capital Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$22,410	\$26,434	\$65,020
Lumped Hatchery Costs			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$116,258	\$120,458	\$125,000
Total Hatchery Costs	\$256,036	\$275,797	\$356,416
Source of Funds			
PacificCorp	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)	N/A	19184	21235
Total Production (lb)	N/A	76,292	80,201
Program as Percent of Total	25.8%	25.1%	26.4%
	(assumed)		
Program Costs	\$66,057	\$69,225	\$94,094

Table 6c. Detailed Expenditures at Merwin Dam Hatchery by Program

Sea-run Cutthroat

Component	1994	1995	1996
Personnel Costs	\$88,374	\$96,573	\$109,940
Operational Costs	\$28,994	\$32,332	\$56,456
Capital Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$22,410	\$26,434	\$65,020
Lumped Hatchery Costs			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$116,258	\$120,458	\$125,000
Total Hatchery Costs	\$256,036	\$275,797	\$356,416
Source of Funds			
PacificCorp	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)	N/A	6,018	6,654
Total Production (lb)	N/A	76,292	80,201
Program as Percent of Total	8% (assumed)	7.8%	8.2%
Program Costs	\$20,483	\$21,512\$	\$29,226

Table 6d. Detailed Expenditures at Merwin Dam Hatchery by Program

Rainbow Trout

Component	1994	1995	1996
Personnel Costs	\$88,374	\$96,573	\$109,940
Operational Costs	\$28,994	\$32,332	\$56,456
Capital Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$22,410	\$26,434	\$65,020
Lumped Hatchery Costs			
Lumped Third-Party Costs	\$116,258	\$120,458	\$125,000
Total Hatchery Costs	\$256,036	\$275,797	\$356,416
Source of Funds			
PacificCorp	100%	100%	100%
Program Production (lb)	N/A	6,018	6,654
Total Production (lb)	N/A	76,292	80,201
Program as Percent of Total	38.4%	37.9%	39.1%
Program Costs	(assumed) \$98,318	\$97,705	\$139,359

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